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SOUTHEAST ALASKA DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the opening of the Southeast Alaska drift gillnet fishery, during the times and in the areas listed below, beginning on Sunday, **September 23, 2012**:

Section 1-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 23, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, September 27**, with the following restriction:

Pearse and Portland Canals: will be closed north of the latitude of Akeku Point located at the southern entrance of Edwards Passage.

District 6: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 23, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, September 25**, with the following restriction:

Section 6-D: will be closed north and east of a line from Mariposa Rock Buoy to the northernmost tip of Point Harrington, to a point on Etolin Island at 56°09.60' N. latitude, 132°42.70' W. longitude, to the southernmost tip of Point Stanhope and south of a line from Point Stanhope to Luck Point.

District 8: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 23, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, September 25**, with the following restrictions:

Beacon Point/Point Frederick Area: waters of Frederick Sound will be closed west of a line from the District 10 boundary one nautical mile off the Kupreanof Island shoreline to Sukoi Island Light to Point Frederick;

Stikine River: waters off the Stikine River will be closed north and west of a line from Babbler Point to Hour Point along the shore of Wrangell Island to Point Highfield to the southern end of Liesnoi Island to the southern end of Greys Island to the small island near the eastern entrance of Blind Slough to the nearest point of Mitkof Island, and south and east of a line from the prominent point of Mitkof Island nearest Coney Island to the northern end of Coney Island to a point 500 yards north of Jap Creek on the mainland shore.

Section 11-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 23, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, September 26**, with the following restrictions:

Port Snettisham: will be closed east of a line from Sharp Point to Sentinel Point;

Limestone Inlet: will be closed.

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 23, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, September 25**, in the waters of Lynn Canal and Chilkoot Inlet with the following restrictions:

Chilkat Inlet: will be closed;

Chilkoot Inlet: will be closed north of a line from Tanini Point to Taiya Point.

Section 15-C: will be open from 12:01 p.m., **Sunday, September 23, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, September 25**.

King salmon less than 28" that are harvested in the commercial drift gillnet fisheries may be retained and sold. King salmon less than 28" in length, and those of Alaska hatchery origin, will not be counted against the Alaskan allocation of the Pacific Salmon Treaty harvest. The department is discontinuing the use of species code 411 beginning in 2012 to account for small king salmon in drift gillnet fisheries and instead will rely on ADF&G port sampling programs for that purpose. For drift gillnet fisheries, only species code 410 should be used to report king salmon of all sizes. Fish and Game samplers working at the processing facilities will also identify hatchery-reared king salmon so those fish are not counted against the Alaskan share of the harvest.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S9112.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 38 (September 16 through 22)
Preliminary Estimates Compiled September 20, 2012

District	NUMBER OF SALMON						Boats	Days Open
	King	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total		
Section 1-B	0	10	10,000	20	5,000	15,030	35	4
District 6	10	20	16,500	20	1,200	17,750	68	3
District 8	10	0	3,500	0	60	3,570	25	3
District 11	0	0	1,700	0	150	1,850	15	3
District 15	0	25	1,700	0	10,300	12,025	35	2
Total	20	55	33,400	40	16,710	50,225		

District	FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD						Total
	King	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum		
Section 1-B	0	0	286	1	143		429
District 6	0	0	243	0	18		261
District 8	0	0	140	0	2		143
District 11	0	0	113	0	10		123
District 15	0	1	49	0	294		344

Deep Inlet THA: confidential

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